All this voting against slavery or going to Congress, taking office &c is all wrong, we have no moral right to do it. Our business is to preach the gospel. To save men and not to destroy them. All governments destroy more usefulness more or less. ~~Even~~ Even J R Giddings of Ohio, we hear nothing of him of late.

The principle that majorities shall rule must be overthrown or man is lost. The same principles that formed the government, ~~formed the~~ made the infamous fugitive slave law. Indeed the last is but the natural fruit of the first. We begun by a compromise, we have kept it up ever since.

Political action is all wrong, and I hope it will occupy a large share of the discussions in the coming ~~Worcester~~ Non-Resistance meeting in Worcester.

O how intensely I long to be there. I look upon with far greater interest than any meeting that has been for sometime.

But I must close. I feel a deep interest in the movements of the reformers at the present time. Be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Yours for the redemption of man

S Mitchell

(Seward Mitchell)

We that his death throes will be terrible, yes beyond description, it will convulse the whole nation such as was never heard of before. So interwoven is slavery with this government that the death of the one will be the death of the other. Again I say, What do you intend to do. Do you mean to concentrate all your forces against this government. What did Mr Benjamin say to Mr Wilson in the Senate? That is a satisfactory answer. Yes Mr Benjamin we understand you. And you too Mr Wilson we shall not forget. We shall not forget that you are perfectly willing to carry out the pro-slavery clauses of that wicked constitution. Well so it must be. I envy not your seat in that piratical body. I have long since (owed to) looked to politicians as any help to the slave. They too stand on this perishable form with a ten times heavier weight than the slaveholder. We have no moral right to take part in the government even to liberate the slave. The business of the true reformer now is to seek the destruction of this government by every righteous means. It can be done, it shall be done so true a God exists. All we have to do is to keep steadily at work trusting solely in the truth for ultimate success. Here is great danger in trusting to the election of what is called abolitionists to office. Those of us who trust in the power of truth have nothing to do with them whatever. Our weapons are not carnal, but spiritual and mighty through God to the pulling down of this God defying government. And we shall certainly succeed.

Where is Stephen S Foster and what is he thinking about that he is going through the country about forming another political party. What has been the history of political parties, I have no need to tell Stephen S Foster. Can he point to one in the history of the last five thousand years that has proved a blessing to mankind. Political parties, oh my soul come not into their presence.

But I am wandering somewhat from the object of the letter. The time has passed to talk of the evils of slavery. Neither are we to be turned aside by the talk of even such noble men as Gerret Smith, who has so much to say about legalizing slavery. His government was formed upon the principle that the majority should rule, the majority voted slavery into the constitution, and it is there in spite of all the Spooners or Smiths in the world. Yes and that constitution must be destroyed, burnt by the fire of Gods everlasting truth. All the time spent on voting for anti-slavery men to go to congress, is lost.

It is no place for a true soldier in this glorious warfare. No no, we would not put even William Lloyd Garrison into congress on the presidential chair if we could. This government must be destroyed as the great enimy of God and man. The vitals of the monster slavery lie in the government, and your guns ye abolitionists must be aimed there if you intend that the monster shall die.

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What Do You Intend To Do. Lowville (N.Y.) March

Dear Friend Garrison,

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It seems to me that the abolitionists at the present time are making but little or no advance on the great enimy of human freedom, slavery. I have been watching (and I am not alone) with intense interest the movements of the leaders in this glorious warfare to see what the next move will be for it seems to me they can go no farther in the present direction. I can hardly believe they are in the dark, and yet it does not seem they are making any advance upon the enemy. What is slavery and what keeps it alive? What created it and what gives it its life, strength and support. The American government. It was born with it, it has grown with it; it has received all its life and strength from it. Nor it existed before the government was formed, but only in an embryo state. It is universaly acknowledged that this government is a slaveholding government. J Q Adams has spoken the truth in relation to it. Then sir where is our course, where is our battering rams of eternal truth to be directed. Most certainly against this anti christian pro-slavery, God defying government. Does any one suppose this government will survive the abolition of slavery?. If there is such a person it seems to me he is yet to learn something in this great struggle for man's redemption.